



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
ANNUAL HEARING  
May 6, 2024**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 6, 2024, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room.

**Board Member Attendance:**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Prem Aithal	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera		X
Lisa Connelly	X		Corey Roberts (remote)	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Shawna Goldfarb		X	Jennifer Voegtli	X	
Hamish MacPhail (remote)	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi	X	
Heather Pach	X				

**Also present:** Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey (remote), Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser.

**Visitors:** 6

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Nominations for Moderator**

Robin Duffield of Killingworth **MOVED** and Howard Burr of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Joanne Nesti as Moderator. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

## Legal Call Reading by Board Secretary

Moderator Joanne Nesti asked the Board Secretary, Dr. Zandi, to read the Legal Call. Dr. Zandi read the Legal Call into the record as follows:

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held at Haddam-Killingworth High School in the Community Room, on May 06, 2024, at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$49,818,029 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place May 07, 2024.

2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT, posted on the RSD17 District Website and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.**

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Legal Call as read. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

## Vote Regarding Regional Education Budget 2024-2025

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Education Budget in the amount of \$49,818,029 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 beginning July 1st.

Moderator Joanne Nesti stated that no vote will be taken at this meeting, and the meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

## Audience Questions

Curtis Browne of Haddam addressed the Board regarding enrollment and staffing.

## Set Voting Hours

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum on the budget from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

**Adjournment**

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam resigned from her position as moderator.

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called for a motion for the Board of Education meeting to adjourn.

Jennifer Favalora **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a Roll Call Vote.

**Adjournment**

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Board Secretary